

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
April 11, 2003

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, April 11, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., in the Administration Building of East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Mississippi.

Members present: Major General Denver Brackeen, Mrs. Sara Fox, Mrs. Veldore Heidelberg, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mr. George Walker, Mr. Lawrence Warren, and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.

Members absent: Mr. Jimmy Murphy.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mr. Jim Southward, Mrs. Denise Walley and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

Guests in attendance: Dr. Tommy Davis, Ms. Marcy Montgomery, Dr. Rick Young, Dr. Ed Davis, and Dr. Joyce Walker – East Mississippi Community College; and Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

Mrs. Brenda Yonge gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes of the March 21, 2003, Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2003 meeting.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mrs. Brenda Yonge and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Walker thanked Dr. Tommy Davis for inviting the Board to East Mississippi Community College's Mayhew and Scooba campuses. Mr. Walker, on behalf of the Board and Staff, expressed appreciation for the hospitality shown by Dr. Davis and his staff during the visit.

Welcome to East Mississippi Community College and College Overview

Dr. Tommy Davis began by saying that he was delighted to have the Board visit East Mississippi Community College. In an overall view of the college, he stated that in 1990 the thirty-six (36) member Board of Trustees for East Mississippi Community College was abolished, and an appointment of a twelve (12) member board was established. Since that time there has been a tremendous growth in many areas, one being in enrollment. Dr. Davis shared a handout showing the increase in credit headcount of students between 1990 and 1999 (Exhibit A). Dr. Davis also showed a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding headcount and per student

local funding.

Dr. Davis told the Board that East Mississippi is well known for its outstanding athletics program; however, it also has an excellent academic program. For this reason, there is currently an Honor's dormitory for the men, with plans for a women's honor's dormitory to open in September 2004. East Mississippi Community College has had an All-American winner for the past three years.

REPORTS

MACJC Report

Dr. Tommy Davis began by reporting that Ms. Lynn Stabler, with the Mississippi Technology Alliance, met with the Association regarding the need for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program that is managed by the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). He also related that Dr. Olon Ray talked with the Association regarding supporting the efforts of the Mississippi Educational Involvement that Dr. Dewey Herring served as Director before Dr. Ray. The Association voted unanimously to support this NASA initiative.

Drs. Marty Wiseman and Ned Lovell with Mississippi State University met with the Association on behalf of the Mid-South Partnership for Rural Community Colleges, regarding a \$1,000,000 grant that will be available for research by graduate students in the process of obtaining a doctorate.

Mr. Jim Lott, Director of Employment and Training Divisions with the Mississippi Development Authority, met with the Association in regards to utilizing WIA monies that will be available to assist dislocated workers.

Dr. Davis related that the Association had sent flowers to Mrs. Sandra Lucas, who is expected to undergo surgery in the near future.

Dr. Davis also told the Board that the Association approved a "draft" agreement between the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the State Department of Education concerning Post-Secondary Career and Technical Education for the purpose of moving the day-to-day operations of these programs from the Mississippi Department of Education to SBCJC.

Also, the Association approved using the approximately \$100,000 in excess telecommunication bond money to purchase a selection/filtering system for Internet connections and Internet security on the local computers.

Dr. Davis related that an in-house audit of the MACJC account was conducted by Debbie Borgman, CPA, of which suggestions were made on how to improve certain procedures pertaining to the account.

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Stonecypher began by thanking Dr. Davis and his staff for the hospitality and the opportunity to visit the two (2) campuses of East Mississippi Community College. He commended Dr. Davis for the improvements that have been made during his tenure as president.

Dr. Stonecypher asked Mrs. Deborah Gilbert to update the Board on Mrs. Sandra Lucas' condition. Mrs. Gilbert reported on the various complications that Sandra is having; however, she is resting better and is expected to undergo triple by-pass surgery in the near future.

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Dr. Stonecypher then reported on the April 2 meeting with representatives at the State Department of Education regarding Career and Technical Education. A smaller committee will meet soon to work out the details, with plans for implementation in July 2004.

As Dr. Davis mentioned, the State Board Office is working with Mr. Jim Lott with the Mississippi Development Authority to assist with dislocated workers. Hopefully, there will be someone onboard soon to oversee and coordinate this effort.

Dr. Stonecypher asked Dr. Evelyn Webb to give an overview of upcoming programs that will be aired on METV's "Learning Exchange". Dr. Webb provided an updated broadcasting list (Exhibit B) and briefly outlined the topics.

Dr. Stonecypher mentioned that in the past the Board had been given a copy of CCN usage reports. He related that a MACJC Committee, Chaired by Dr. Howell Garner, is looking for a solution to improve utilization and reduce the cost of its operation.

Dr. Stonecypher reminded the Board that in the March meeting he stated that there was the possibility of Supreme Court Justice Jim Smith conducting the swearing in of newly appointed and reappointed Board Members. This has now been confirmed and Judge Smith will swear in all new members during the regular meeting on the May 16, 2003.

As Dr. Davis had mentioned in his report, the colleges are still working with Ms. Lynn Stabler with the Mississippi Technology Alliance, regarding the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program that is managed by the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Dr. Stonecypher related that there has been more reporting requirements added since the MEP/NIST agreement was made; these new requirements are taking a lot of staff time. Dr. Stonecypher and others will be meeting with this group to work out a solution.

Dr. Webb was then asked to give an update on the Public Relations Position. Dr. Webb advised that Dr. Stonecypher has approved the applicant recommended by the interview committee, and Ms. Pamela Harrion will begin working in the SBCJC office on May 1, 2003.

Dr. Stonecypher then told the Board that Dr. Larry Bailey has invited the Board to visit and have its Board meeting at Mississippi Delta Community College on their campus at Moorhead in August or September 2003.

The MACJC Trustees Conference will be held at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi, on July 18 and 19, 2003. Cut off date for reservations are June 16th, and the Board was given information on making their reservations.

Dr. Stonecypher related that he and others have been working with Holmes Community College (Ridgeland Campus) regarding a grant for an Automotive Technology Program in Madison County.

Dr. Stonecypher then told the Board about receiving a subscription notice for the *Association of Community College Trustees*, a publication that past Board Members had been interested in receiving. The Board was asked to consider this and vote later in the meeting.

The Board office will be closed for Confederate Memorial Day on Monday, April 28, 2003.

Dr. Stonecypher expressed pride in the Mississippi winners of the All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Teams. First team winners were George Spinks from East Mississippi

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Dr. Webb related that EdNet is continuing to monitor the progress of legislation that addresses its request for state funds. EdNet is addressed in two bills, SB2931 and SB2988. Both bills have been sent to the Governor with a deadline for signature of April 19, 2003. EdNet is mentioned at line 97 in Section 6 of SB2931 and in SB2988 at line 626 in Section 6. If approved by the Governor, EdNet will receive \$200,000 in operational funding and \$900,000 in bond money to complete the network.

Program Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry gave the Board a list of programs (Exhibit D) and an overview of which programs should be removed from probation, or to be terminated. Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve the actions of the programs as reported. Dr. Bradberry announced that program approvals would be brought before the Board at the May meeting.

Legislative Report

Dr. Bradberry told the Board that the Legislative Book would be compiled and given to them at the May meeting. The Legislative Book is produced in-house, and gives a summary of the bills, as well as, the bill in its entirety as signed by the governor.

Dr. Bradberry then gave a brief update on bills that he is still tracking. One bill that is still of great concern is HB 773, which is waiting for the Governor's signature. Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by General Denver Brackeen, the Board voted unanimously to request that the Governor veto HB 773.

Finance Report

Mrs. Sara Fox presented the items on the Finance Committee agenda for information and action.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Sara Fox, and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2003 Education Enhancement Fund and Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements from Funds 4080, 4110, and 3295 in the total amount of \$2,772,377.55 (Exhibit E).

Upon a motion by Mrs. Sara Fox, and a second by Mr. Lawrence Warren, the Board voted unanimously to approve request for purchase of various technology equipment as listed in Exhibit F.

Mrs. Fox requested input on the FY 2005 Budget Request for support and administration. She also shared copies of the Financial Statements supported by funds from 2291 and 3291, as of March 31, 2003 (Exhibit G). No action was required.

Dr. Larry Day was then called on to give the Quarterly Capital Improvement Projects Report, which required no action (Exhibit H).

Location of Summer 2003 Classes

Dr. Webb shared a list of the location of classes that have been submitted by the colleges (Exhibit I), which includes twenty-four campuses, six comprehensive centers, three extension centers, and thirty-eight off-campus locations. Upon a motion by Mrs. Brenda Yonge and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve the location of the

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Summer 2003 classes.

Spring Colloquium

Dr. Webb reported that the Spring Colloquium for Teacher Preparation will be held Sunday, April 27 – Monday, April 28, 2003 at Hinds Community College's Eagle Ridge Conference Center. There are eight (8) committees that are working to improve the status of teachers in Mississippi. Among those who will address the group will be a high school student who will give his viewpoint on recruiting future teachers, Dr. Dewey Herring from NASA, Senator Mike Chaney, Dr. Olon Ray, the *Jubilee Singers* from Hinds Community College's Utica Branch, and others.

Board Elections

Mr. Walker opened the floor for election of officers for the July 2003 – June 2004 year.

Ms. Veldore Young made a motion seconded by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, that Mr. George Walker be elected SBCJC Chairman for the 2003-2004 year. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Veldore Young made a motion seconded by Mrs. Brenda Yonge, that Mr. Lawrence Warren be elected SBCJC Vice-Chairman for the 2003-2004 year. Motion passed unanimously.

Travel Authorizations

Mr. Walker asked if there were requests for travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. Upon a motion by General Denver Brackeen and a second by Mrs. Brenda Yonge, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following travel authorizations:

George Walker for speaking to a group in Olive Branch regarding workforce training on April 4, and the State Workforce Council Meeting in Jackson on May 14.

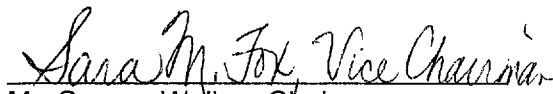
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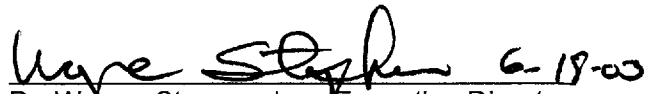
It was recommended by Dr. Dorothy Nelson that arrangements for hotel accommodations be made early for the meeting at Mississippi Delta, due to the fact that there may be problems getting a room in the area at the agreed upon date.

Dr. Davis announced that lunch would be served immediately following the tour of the campus.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. A tour of the Scooba Campus was taken at that time.


Mr. George Walker, Chairman

 6-18-03
Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Executive Director